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TAGS: OGEN US BF

SUBJ: DEATH OF SIR HAROLD CHRISTIE

1. SIR HAROLD CHRISTIE, USUALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE MAN "WHO PUT THE BAHAMAS ON THE MAP" IN TERMS OF TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT, DIED SUDDENLY IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY ON SEPTEMBER 25. SIR HAROLD WAS A PIONEER IN REAL ESTATE AND AVIATION IN THE ISLANDS, BECAME A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE AND WAS KNIGHTED IN 1964 HE SERVED IN THE BAHAMIAN PARLIAMENT FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW STAYED AT THE CHRISTIE RESIDENCE DURING HIS VISIT IN MAY 1971, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO APPROACH HIS OFFICE TO SUGGEST THAT A SHORT MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO LADY CHRISTIE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. SHE WILL BE RETURNING HERE TODAY OR TOMORROW. AMBASSADOR IS PREPARING HIS OWN CONDOLENCE MESSAGE.

3. PLANS CALL FOR SIR HAROLD'S BODY TO BE CREMATED IN GERMANY AND THE ASHES FLOWN HERE. LADY CHRISTIE, THE FORMER VIRGINIA CAMPBELL JOHNSON, HAS SAID THAT NO FUNERAL WILL BE HELD HERE, BUT A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT AN UNDETERMINED DATE.

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